

Ransom Job Was Latest in Many Tough Ones Handled by General Clay

~~Three times in 10~~

Gen. Clay is a director and chairman of the executive committee of Continental Can Co., of which he was until lately the \$150,000-a-year operating head.

He is also a member of General Motors' finance policy committee, and a director of Chase Manhattan Bank, Lehman Corp., U. S. Lines, Metropolitan Life and American Express.

Thus he moves in circles where \$1.9 million isn't really very big money.

But it wasn't always so.

He had work-a-day jobs with poor pay as an instructor at West Point, District Army Engineer building river and harbor projects, and then head of the defense airport program as World War II threatened us.

The war having engulfed us, Gen. Clay became a No. 1 assistant to Gen. Brehon Somerwell, head of the Army Service Forces.

Still later, James F. Byrnes, later Secretary of State, called on Gen. Clay for help in the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion.

There he was a sort of buffer between the civilian and the military, a tough guy who was most influential in fixing stern home front policies so the men with the guns would have enough to fight with.

Then his friend Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower called him to straighten out supply bottlenecks in Europe. He did.

The war over, Gen. Clay became deputy military governor of Germany, then commander of U. S. forces in Europe and military governor of the U. S. zone of Germany.

He had a primary role in the Berlin airlift that rescued the beleaguered city from communism's blockade.

Winning that fight, in which his firmness in dealing with the Reds earned him the unofficial title of "Hero

A black and white portrait of a middle-aged man with short, dark hair, smiling. He is wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a dark tie. The background is light and slightly textured.

GEN. LUCIUS CLAY

home and retired from the Army in 1949.

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Congress paid unique hon
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man with the quiet voice,
strong chin and eyes that un-

ly.	He was invited to address both House and Senate.
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In the former, one of his old friends was the late Speaker Sam Rayburn (D., Tex.). In whose congressional district Gen. Clay supervised the building of an army dam.

"An old friend has come home from his labors which have been stupendous and great," said Mr. Sam as he introduced Sen. Clay to the House. "I present to you a man of the many men I have seen who I think is as able as any man I ever met in the army or out."

"I saw in Berlin the spirit and soul of a people reborn," Lew Clay told the House.

And when he ended, his
speech in the Senate.
The Congressional Record
tells the reaction this way:
(O'Connell's speech, Senate
March 10, 1945.)

Many of our prisoners im-
agined with Gen. Clay's help,
to share that senti-